58. *The approaching Footstep*, by F. Stone, consists simply of the figure of a girl (often painted before by Mr. Stone, or we mistake) leaning against a bank, in expectation. The start of a spaniel, she holds in her arms, gives token of the approaching comer. It is a coveta-ble work.

66. *Morning*, by J. Sant, represents a youth, of life size, on the summit of a hill, with a lark, "the herald of the morn," above his head. It possesses considerable merit and entitles its author to commendation. 170. *Evening*, and 185, a reclining female figure under an artificial light, are both large pictures by the same gentleman, and shew a considerable advance.

67. *Welch Mountain Scene, autumnal cloudy weather*, by H. Bright,—a repetition of his *chef-d'œuvre*: very excellent. He has also some smaller landscapes of considerable excellence.

83. *The celebrated Oak in Polstead Park*; 162, *An old Avenue* (once more); 180, *The Cottage under the Hill*; 442, *Landscape with Figures and Cattle in a Boat*: are all by F. R. Lee, R.A.

150. *Rizpah watching the dead Sons of Saul*, by J. C. Hook, is a meritorious attempt in a high walk. The indications it gives of study lead us to augur well for Mr. Hook's future progress.

148, 184, 340, 350, and 432, representations of fruit and still-life, by G. Lance, are quite perfect in their class.

214. *Bianca Capello*, by A. Elmore, A.R.A., deserved a better place than it has; and the same may be said of 244, *Study of a Head*, by C. Baxter; 379, *The Campagna, Rome*, by W. Linton, a capital picture; and 443, *Scene from Shakspeare's Henry IV.*, by F. R. Pickersgill. Indeed, the hanging altogether is most discreditable.

259. *The frugal Meal*, by J. F. Herring (three horses' heads) is capitally painted.

267. *Glen Falloch, from above Inverranan*, by J. D. Harding, is a charming little landscape, full of beauty.

295. *The Death — Stag Hunt in the olden Time*, by R. Ansdell. A powerful representation of the stag's last struggle with the dogs, calculated to maintain the reputation Mr. Ansdell acquired in London by his pictures of last year. The stag and dogs are full of vigour.

303. *Reposing after Bathing*, by W. Etty, R.A. Mr. Etty is unquestionably a great master, and has much advanced the art. Although this is but a small sketch, when viewed at its proper distance it is a perfect blaze of colour. Two other pictures by the same painter are less striking.

359. *A Break in the River*, by T. Creswick, we seem to recognise as an old acquaintance, and a pleasant one.

365. *The last Moments of Mary Queen of Scots*, by Alex. Fraser, stands prominently out in the company that surrounds it, as one of the very, very, few historical pictures to be found in the gallery.

438. *Morning, the arrival of a Greenland Ship, Shields Harbour*, by J. W. Carmichael, is a capitally painted sea-piece, with much life.

451. *Frost Scene*, by C. Branwhite, though scarcely so good as similar works last year, is nevertheless a well-painted picture calling for commendation. We cannot say so much for his other picture, 260.

478. *Mary at the Sepulchre*, by H. O'Neil, has poetry, as well as skill, in it, and should have been better placed.

485. *The First Death*, by E. B. Morris, is a large picture, with figures the size of life, commendable for its intention.

J. Holland has some brilliant pieces of colour; and J. D. Wingfield, G. E. Hering, G. C. Stanfield, Jun., A. Gilbert, H. Jutsum, and others, exhibit some very nice landscapes.

We have only space to say further, that the exhibition consists of 543 paintings, and 18 pieces of sculpture; and that 400 pictures were returned for want of room. Is it possible these were all worse than the majority of those now exhibiting?

GLASS.—A patent has just been taken out by Mr. Parkes, of Peckham, Surrey, for making coffins of glass by a mould, or of thick plates of china joined together by a durable cement, or of wooden cases lined with plates of glass, united by a mixture of fused glass and borax.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

THE commissioners or surveying officers appointed to visit Colchester relative to the expediency of the Improvement Bill applied for, in opening the business of the commission, stated, that their inquiries also bore reference to the question of the sanatory condition of towns in general, upon which information was required to enable Parliament to pass some general measure. It was stated in evidence, that all the drainage of Colchester might be concentrated in the river; that there were eighty to ninety streets, alleys, and courts, in the town; that the drainage is very imperfect, particularly as regards cesspools; and that at Chelmsford the water used to rise 3 feet on the Chelmer meadows, but that since the bridge was built by the Eastern Counties Railway Company it has risen 8 feet. A clause was proposed to give the Channel Commissioners power to make a sufficient bridge in case the company should not do so. It was also stated in evidence, that nearly ten miles of gas mains have been laid through eight miles of streets and roads. Cesspools at the end of the drains where they emptied themselves into the river, so that the sediment could be cleaned out by the farmers and used as manure, were proposed for adoption in the bill, and were admitted by the officers to be worthy of consideration.——The town council of Colchester have resolved that it is expedient to join the county justices in the erection of a pauper lunatic asylum.——A fund for the erection of Pawnbrokers' Almshouses at Stratford, Essex, has been already realized to the extent of 3,000*l.*, and ground has been purchased for a site.——The new Ordnance map of Southampton, which is just completed, will, it is said, be one of the most valuable articles of property in the possession of the municipal authorities. It is drawn up on a scale of 60 inches to the mile,—the scale of the General Ordnance Survey of the Empire being 6 inches.——The Castle-gate Chapel, at Nottingham, the oldest dissenting chapel in the town, is to be enlarged.——Part of one of the pinnacles of St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, was recently blown off by the wind, and broken to pieces during divine service.——The church at Sinberton has been restored and re-opened. The gallery has been removed, three fine arches again brought into view, and this ancient edifice has been restored to something like its former state.——The parish church of Bebington has been re-opened after being extensively embellished and repaired.——It has been determined to postpone the Bristol Improvements till June 1848.——The Bath town-council mean to apply to the Treasury for a confirmation of the grant of a piece of ground in front of St. James's Church, for the improvement and enlargement of that edifice, on a plan proposed by the rector, and approved by the parish.——The bill proposed for the improvement of Taunton contains 300 clauses!——It is intended to erect a new church at Rowbarton, near Taunton, from a design by Mr. William B. Gingell, architect, of that town. The new edifice is to be in the pointed style of the time of Henry III., with a broach spire, open timber roofs, &c.——The repair and restoration of the parish church of West Lavington, Wilts, is talked of.——The munificent sum of 1,000*l.* has been offered by Mr. R. Richards, of Tregadwgun, towards the rebuilding of a new church in the parish of Llanfihangel Abergowin, the present church being very inconveniently situated.——The Royal Consorts have each given 20*l.*, and the Queen Dowager 10*l.*, towards the establishment of new public baths and washhouses for the poor at Liverpool. The Green-lane Water-works there are now completed, with an engine filling the cooling ponds at the rate of 900 gallons per minute. The Kensington reservoir, which will hold 10,000,000 gallons, was expected to be filled in a few days, when not only will there be a constant supply of water to the warehouse and other districts of the town, but from the height of the reservoir (170 feet above the level of the Exchange) fire-engines now will be often unnecessary in suppressing fires. The sewers, too, will be scoured out whenever they require it, and the streets in summer will be effectually watered.——The first stone of a new church to be built at Hegbergham Eaves, near Burnley, was laid on New Year's day. It is to be in the early decorated style, with a tower and broach spire, and open benches for 500 persons. Messrs. Weightman and Hadfield, of Sheffield, are the architects. Messrs. J. P. Kay, Shuttleworth, and W. Dugdale are the chief benefactors of the work.——A new iron-foundry for casting is about to be erected near Chesterfield. The proprietors are said to have already contracted for a portion of the chairs and rails for the Ambergate, Nottingham, and Boston Railway.——A new opposition to the new town-hall and market scheme has lately sprung up at Doncaster.——The first stone of the chapel of St. Michael, at Carleton, near Pontefract, was laid on Tuesday week.——Upwards of 2,000*l.*, it is said, have been subscribed towards the erection of a new church in the populous district of Cookley, in the parish of Wolverley, near Kidderminster.——The Newark Mechanics' Institution expect to have a building of their own erected by subscription.——An astronomical observatory is about to be erected by Mr. Edward John Collingwood, at Lilburn Tower, near Wooler. Elevational and sectional plans have been prepared by Mr. James Moffat, formerly pupil of Mr. Dobson, architect, of Newcastle. The dome is to slide round on friction wheels.——The parish church at Wolsingham is to be partly rebuilt, and new schools are to be erected at Towlaw. Tenders have been called for in both cases.——The Gateshead new Mechanics' Institute is to be erected in West-street, where the borough is otherwise extending.——In the Edinburgh town council the state of the Greyfriars burying-ground has been brought under notice. It appears to be far too small for the crowds who are there interred. The Greyfriars' is the only burying-ground in the city for the poor, and the idea was thrown out that the duty of interring the poor should devolve upon the parochial board, and that a new burying-ground for that purpose was indispensably necessary.——From the statement of the Prime Minister, it appears that in Ireland the Government are giving employment to 500,000 men, who are supposed to represent, with their wives and children, upwards of 2,000,000 of the population. These 500,000 men include a staff of 11,587 officers, chief clerks, check clerks, pay clerks, &c. The expenditure upon these officers, clerks, and labourers is 172,000*l.* weekly. This is, as near as possible, at the rate of 7,000,000*l.* per annum.——According to the *Daily News*, a new trade is about to originate in Galway, which, if well worked, would afford employment to great numbers of the poor. The new enterprise consists in supplying broken granite for the formation of roads in and about London. The granite procured from Guernsey at present costs 11s. 3d. a ton, which covers all charges, including the actual freight of the vessel for the special purpose. Now the Galway people believe, according to our contemporary, they could undersell Guernsey by at least the difference in the freight, as numbers of vessels sail from that port to London in ballast.——Among other presentments passed at the city of Waterford presentment sessions, was one of 1,000*l.* for a public garden.

FOREIGN ARCHITECTURAL AND COLLATERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Bad Prospects for German Railroads.—It is stated that there are some proposals making at the German Diet—to place, in case of war, all the lines under the *control* of a *military* commissinn, presided over by an Austrian general. Prussia, however, has protested against this encroachment on the freedom of public traffic.

A Humanitarian Club—has been established at Brunswick, whose aim it is to devise means how the impediments to man's welfare could be best removed, and the feelings of true humanity fostered amongst the working classes.

The King of Bavaria—outstripping even the speed of the press, has just resolved on erecting statues of two ladies, one from the ranks of the people,—Maria of Brabant, and Agnes Bernauer; these monuments are to be placed on the craggy castle of Donauwörth and the bridge of Straubing.

Embellishments of Paris.—Mr. the Préfet de la Seine has addressed to the Home Secretary, for the approval of government, a plan for the alignment of the Place St. Michel, at Paris, near which a prolongation of the Rue

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